

Regarding the season finale episode of "Pit Bulls and Parolees," which aired on Saturday, February 11, 2012, the episode suggests that the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) forced Ms. Tia Torres to close down her Rescue Center in Acton, California. Here is a brief background of the situation:

In May 2010, Ms. Torres spoke with the DACC facility licensing division and indicated that she did not want to renew her license at the Acton location because she was moving. She provided an address to another location within our jurisdiction where she planned to relocate her facility. However, in July 2010, Ms. Torres called DACC again and indicated that she was going to be moving to another county. However, she agreed to pay the license fee anyway since a moving date was not yet set. DACC continued to conduct routine inspections to ensure the health and safety of the animals.

In July of 2010, the organization that owns the property where the Villalobos Rescue Center is located notified DACC that Ms. Torres would be relocating her facility, but they would remain on the property. The property owners received an application from the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning to continue their facility operations, but the application was not approved by Regional Planning due to structural concerns onsite.

There were legal proceedings between the Villalobos Rescue Center and the property owners that did not involve the County of Los Angeles. As a result of those legal proceedings, Ms. Torres was required to vacate the property by January 1, 2012. As of January 1, 2012, the Villalobos Rescue Center had indeed relocated out of state.

Please note that the episode that aired on February 11, 2012, was filmed sometime last year. Also keep in mind that this episode is intended for television; therefore, it must keep television viewers intrigued, often by exaggerating and embellishing certain circumstances. In regards to the citation that Ms. Torres received on the season finale of the show, the citation was resolved amicably.